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1 (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving a network event from a plurality of sites on a wide area network, the system comprising:

a terminal coupleable to the wide area network;  
an engine module accessible on the network to receive user-defined configuration information from the terminal,

wherein the engine module selects to retrieve a network event from one or more of the sites using the user-defined configuration information in accordance with selected criteria by a user for each particular site, the one or more sites operating under a first protocol, and converts the network event from the first protocol into a second protocol before signaling the network event to an end device operating under the second protocol.

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2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the engine module converts the network event from an HTML protocol to a wireless protocol.
  3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the engine module converts the network event from a POP3 protocol to a wireless protocol
  4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the engine module converts the network event into the second protocol based on configuration information that specifies a type of end device.
  5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the terminal includes a user-interface that allows an end user to specify configuration information.
  6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the engine module converts the network event into the second protocol based on configuration information that specifies a type of end device selected from a group consisting of a cell phone, a PCS type device, a pager, and a wireless handheld computer.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the engine module converts the network event from the first protocol into the second protocol and a third protocol before signaling the network event to the end device operating under the second protocol and a second end device operating under a third protocol.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the engine module converts the network event into the second protocol and the third protocol based on configuration information that specifies two or more end devices selected from a group consisting of a cell phone, a PCS type device, a pager, and a wireless handheld computer.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving a network event from a plurality of sites on a wide area network, the system comprising:

a terminal coupleable to the wide area network;  
an engine accessible on the network to receive user-defined configuration information from the terminal, the engine selecting to retrieve a network event from one or more of the sites using the user-defined configuration information in accordance with selected criteria by a user for each particular site, wherein the engine signals the network event to an end device.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein a first site in the plurality of sites operates under a POP3 protocol, a second site operates under an HTML protocol, and the engine accesses the first site and the second site to retrieve one or more network events, converts the retrieved network events to a wireless protocol for a wireless end device, and then signals the end device the retrieved network events.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the engine retrieves a first email from the first site, and a second email from the second site, and signals a notification to the end device notifying an end user of the terminal of the first and second email.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving a web event from the Internet, the system comprising:

A a terminal coupled to the Internet, the terminal being able to receive user-defined configuration information entered by an end user;

an end device operable under a wireless protocol; and

an engine module accessible to the Internet to receive the user-defined configuration information from the terminal, the engine module selecting to retrieve a web event from one or more web sites using the user-defined configuration information in accordance with selected criteria by a user for each particular web site, wherein the engine module converts the web events into the wireless protocol and then signals the web event to the end device.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the end device is a wireless phone, and end user specifies a phone number of the wireless phone to the terminal to allow the engine module to signal the web event to the wireless phone.